Welfare Plan for Children Affected by Communal Riots

2840. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Foundation for Communal Harmony has prepared a Welfare Plan for riot-hit children;

(b) if so, whether the Scheme was mooted in 1992;

(c) what were the features of the Scheme; and

(d) to what extent the Welfare Plan has been started and how many children have so far been benefited by this Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Foundation provides assistance of Rs. 425/- in Class A & B cities and Rs. 375/- in other areas for each child whose either both the parents or surviving parent or main bread winner has been killed or permanently incapacitated in communal riots which took place after 24.7.1991 and the family income is below the poverty line. The assistance covers maintenance and education including vocational education, skill training etc. upto the age of 18 years, and in exceptional cases, upto age of 21 years.

(d) So far 678 children have been benefited.

Guidelines for Controlling the Communal Riots

2841. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued comprehensive guidelines to all the State Government/ Union Territory Administrations for controlling the menace of communal riots in 1990;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines have been revived in the wake of subsequent riots in the country particularly in view of the events taken place after 6th December, 1992; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines, inter-alia, cover such aspects as the collection of intelligence, taking of preventive actions, immobilisation of anti-social elements, control and regulation of processions, use of loud-speakers, formation of district integration/Ekta Committees, action on illigal possession of arms, setting up of Special Courts, management of essential Services, etc., and relief and rehabilitation measures to be taken up after the riots.

(c) and (d) The guidelines, in respect of payment of relief and rehabilitation to the victims of communal riots, have been revised in December, 1992. It has been suggested to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to pay an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh to the next of kin of those who are killed during the communal riots, and Rs. 50,000/- to those who are permanently incapacitated. However, in respect of the Ayodhya incident related communal riots, the amount of ex-gratia relief was raised to Rs. 2.00 lakhs to be paid to the next of kin of those who were killed as a one-time exception. In